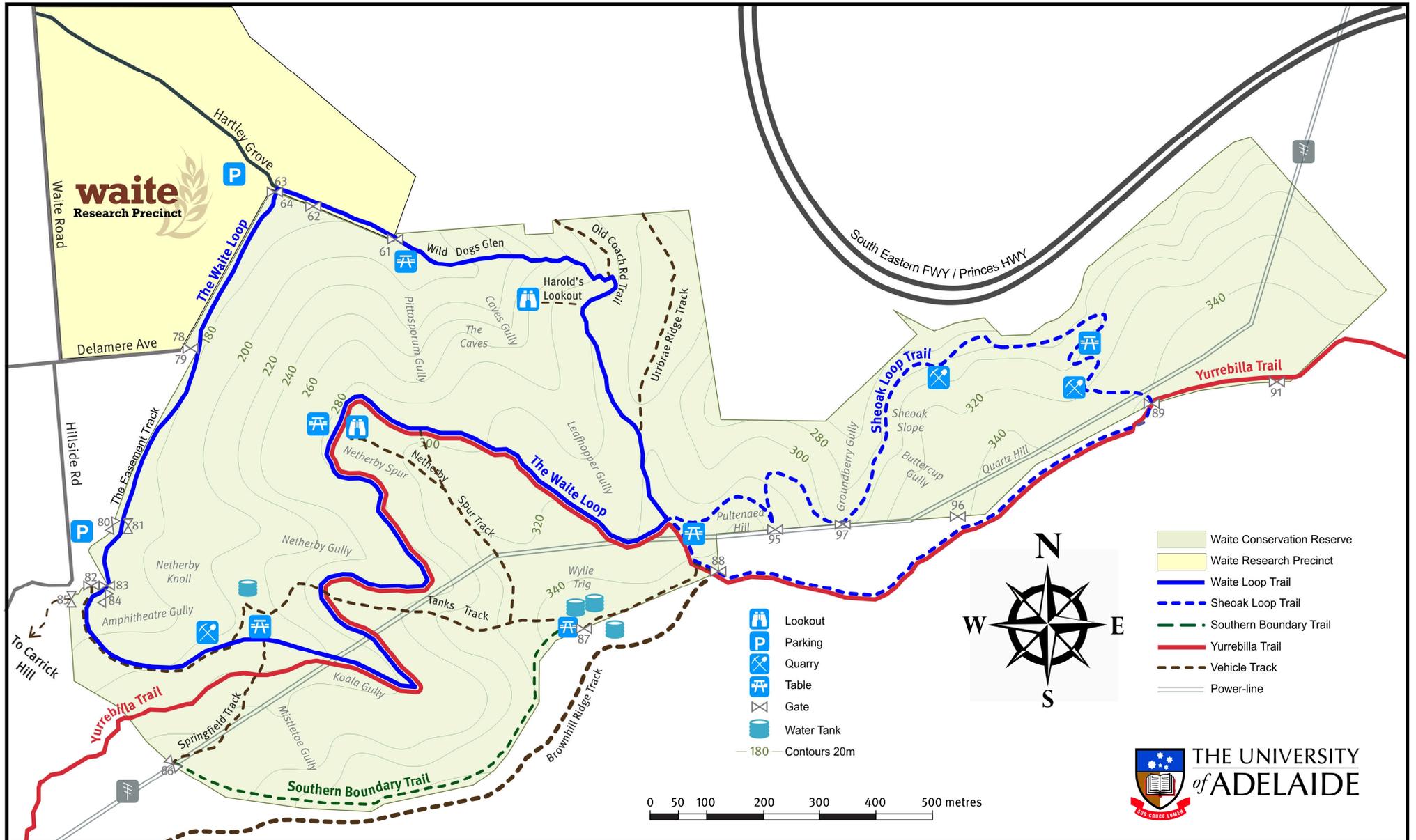


# WAITE CONSERVATION RESERVE



## **Waite Conservation Reserve Trails**

### **Waite Loop (Blue Arrows on White) 4 km**

This loop can either start at Gate 61 (Wild Dogs Glen), or from Gate 82 off Hillside Road Springfield. The walk takes 1.5—3 hours depending on fitness.

If starting from Gate 61, from Waite Road, drive to the Wine Innovation East Car-park and park there. It is a steep walk up Wild Dogs Glen to start with, as the trail rises 110 metres in 300 metres. That gets most of the climb over and done with early and the rest of the walk is on gentle slopes. The trail then wanders through Grey Box woodland, past a great lookout with city views, before descending to the foot of the hill, where a gentle sloping track takes you back to the Waite Campus.

If starting from Gate 82, park on Hillside Road near the SA Water facility and enter via Gate 82. At that point you can choose to do the Waite Loop either in a clockwise manner or anti-clockwise manner, depending on whether you turn left or right after you come through the gate.

### **Sheaok Loop (White Arrows on Blue) 2.9 km**

This loop circles is an eastward extension from the Waite Loop and takes walkers through farmland and some of the better vegetation in the Reserve. Allow 45 minutes to an hour.

When you get to the map sign at the track junction of the Waite Loop, Sheaok Loop and Yurrebilla Trails, you can either go anti-clockwise or clockwise around the loop.

The views are better going anti-clockwise as you are walking toward the view and the ride coming back is gentle.

There is a geological site which is worth visiting on the way as you can see the sea-floor from 700 million years ago and folded rocks which resulted from a geological collision about 500 million years ago.

Part of the Loop is on Springwood Park, where you may encounter cattle. Please treat them with care.

### **Southern Boundary Trail (unmarked at this stage)**

This trail gives walkers good views over the Brownhill Creek Valley as well as sweeping views to the city.

You need to either walk up to the track junction of the Waite and Sheaok Loops or enter from the Brownhill Ridge Track.

From the track junction, walk uphill 100 metres to Gate 88. Turn right and stay inside the fence, following the fence-line all the way to Gate 86. Turn right onto a vehicle track which will take you back down to the Waite Loop.

Walkers coming from the Brownhill Ridge Track enter the Reserve at Gate 88. Turn left as you enter the Reserve and follow the Southern Boundary Fence all the way to Gate 86.

At Gate 86, turn right onto a vehicle track which will take you back to the Waite Loop. OR, you can use the Yurrebilla Trail to return to the McElligott's Quarry car-park if that is where you started from.